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 F 4/1/48 - 2
 M 4/12/48

Specific Military Actions

Incident: Berlin 48

Date:

Unit	Actions	Initiated	Terminated	Revealing Source
US armed train	sent to Berlin to test Soviet inspection of US military movements withdrawn	April, 48	later	(Times has no reference) Holl, "Berlin Airlift"
"little airlift"	supplies to Allied forces in Berlin day halts trains, orders air transport of people & supplies 60-100 tons/day = 15-25 C-47s	early April, 48 1 April, 48		Times 2 April, 1:6-8
3 trains	reach Berlin w/o inspection 2 April, 48			George & Smoke, p123
cargo flights	cut back		5 April	Times 6 April 1:2
B-29 Group	to Germany; stand by to route over Berlin in mid April			NYT 4/13 2:3 4/14 24:3 4/30 5:6

Source:

Local SituationIncident: Berlin 48Target country: USSR

Type of regime: _____

Names and Allegiances of prominent individuals: Gen Lucius Clay, pushed for resistance to Soviets

Major reaction to incident: shunted train to siding for several days; deidl maneuvers - 3 April (Times 4 Apr 48 20:10);
hampster flights 7; fighter crashes of UK plane - Amb Soltovitsky apologizes 5 April; Troops turn back US trucks
leaving Berlin, ^{9 Apr} Berliners who work in Sov. zone 10 April;

Soviet Union

Action

When

Others

Actor

Actions

When

UK

also has compliance of inspection
resumes barge traffic1 April
5 April

Following Soviet votes of officials elected by Policy Context Berlin City Assembly, Incident: Berlin 48
 on 20 March, 48 Sov. military governor unilaterally adjourned Allied Central Council; 31 March Sov. military officials
 announced that all rail & highway traffic ~~to~~^{from} Berlin would be restricted starting 1 April; refused to discuss reasons;
 communists take power Feb 48
 3 April - closed freight routes from Bavaria & Hamburg - allowed freight
 only through Helmstedt; 9 April required Sov. Commandant clearance for
 all freight trains Berlin → West; new restrictions on parcel post; 13 April
 merged E Berlin & E German police forces; 20 April ordered individual clearance
 for all barge traffic; US - 3,000 in Berlin; UK & Fr - 3,500; USSR - 18,000 + 300,000 in
 E Ger

Official:	Form	Statements	To whom	Date
Commandant, Berlin		asked into on necessity for restrictions cancelled affected traffic		1 April, 48
Type of action				Date

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Incident: _____

by whom:

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U. S. Objectives

Stated:

Incident: _____

by whom:

Inferred:

by whom:

Outcome

According to U.S. policymakers (include anticipated applicability to similar situations):

according to target country:

according to outside observers:

(Stalin)
(Atlee)
A. ① USSR/② UK/③ France
④ ~~① (Stalin)~~

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B-29 Squadron (part of 28th Bomber Group) SAC	to Germany; described as "routine training flight" by USAF.	1/28	?	<u>NYT</u> 1/22/48 P.3 "Goldberg"
B-29 to Go on training exercises (then to Malta & Saudi Arabia) B-290 " " " " " "				NYT 1/22/48 P.3? 1/23/48 3.6 3/1/48 10.5
	① US ② USSR ③ UK ④ France			
NYT 11/12/48 1:8	USSR threatens to oust Western powers from Berlin			
Source:				

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Incident: Berlin Airlift

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ang) M	26 June, 48 or 17? 2 July, 48	12 May, 49	NY Herald Tribune in US Naval Institute Proceedings Sept, 48, Professional Notes & NY Times 27 July, 7:5
e training" nce. 29 June) te in April)	18 July, 48 11 Aug, 48		Times 12 Aug, 12:6
t ed near Aden) t since Jan; Mid East troubles)	27 27 June, 48 22 July, 48	6 Aug, 48	SAC, 1948 history Proceedings " - Times;
3	27 June, 48 3 Sept, 48	6 Sept, 48	Times 11 May, 30:4; 16 May 24:2 24 May, 2:4 SAC, 48 history Times 20 Aug, 2:4; 3 Sept, 7:1 4 Sept 4:2 5 Sept 34:4 6 Sept 3:7 7 Sept 47:8
anned goodwill, antic)	16 July, 48		Times 16 July, 4:2 21 July, 5:5 26 July 3:3 28 July, 7:4
Group (China?) es by carrier Germany. ready, there	15 Aug, 48 7 Aug, 48 July, 48		10 Aug, 48, 2:2 8 Aug, 44:5 Times 13 July, 1:2 14 July, 17:2 15 July, 6:4 "H. et H. Initiative 15AFF"

1946th TACS Squadron airlift
(ordered begun by Lucius Clay
begin w/ 100 C-47s

26 June, 48 1 Aug, 49
21 June, 48)

59th Air Depot Wing joins Airlift
513th Troop Carrier Division "
1422^d Air Transp. Group "
61st Troop Carrier Group "
317th Troop Carrier Wing Japan → Ger
(C-54s)

Sept, 48 June, 49
Aug, 48 June, 49
1 Aug, 48 20 Nov, 48

"Operation Vittles"

19th Troop Carrier Squadron Hawaii → Ger (Western Mass. base alerted
during planes' passage through it)
37th Troop Carrier Squadron established at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
" transferred to Ger; replaced by 62d

27 June, 48
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Aug-Sept, 48

317th Hist, July-Dec, 48
"Brief Hist of 317th Troop
Carrier Wing" 48-54
Pacific Air Command, 48
Times 4 July 8:4
12th Air Force July-Dec 48
"

20th Troop Carrier Squadron Panama → Ger
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28 June, 48
Nov, 48

Carib. Air Comm. June, 48
" Nov, 48

total C-54s in Germany - 300

Nov, 48

"Hist Highlights USAFE"

US Air Forces Europe cancelled planned force reductions from 18,608 to
7,500; grew to 30,000 by Dec, 48.
← organized Berlin Airlift Task Force (transitional)
instituted combat training for SAC - 3rd Air
Division (B-29s in UK)

1 Oct, 49
Aug, 48

"Short History USAFE"

2,500 ground crew to maintain B-29s & airlift planes

25 Aug, 48

Times 26 Aug 6:3

US Army - 1st Division reinforced by 1 regiment to bring up to
strength (1 reg. in Vienna)

8 May, 48

Army Times, 8 May, 48

counter-blockade of W Ger goods to E Ger

25 June, 48

"'Red One' Gains New
Regiment"
Davison, The Berlin Blockade
p. 264

" transport units ground support for airlift

US Navy replaces 12-ship Mediterranean fleet by
14 ships, incl. FDR, 2 heavy cruisers

Sept, 48

Times in US Naval Inst
Proceedings, March, 48

65 ships, 31,000 men cold weather maneuvers in N. Atlantic
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9 Oct, 48

" Professional Notes,
Dec, 48

Army 10,000 troops
Navy Med-Fleet

maneuvers near Nurnberg
exercise

22 June, 48

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Lucky Lady II (B-50)	flies around world non-stop	26 Feb, 49	2 March, 49	SAC, 1949
SAC groups in Europe	reduced to 2 (3rd being converted to B-36's; no adverse reaction so remained at 2) despite SAC interest in increasing to 3 in June)		m ^{14th assume} Feb, 49	"
2nd Air Division (36th + 86th Fighter Wings)	stationed at Landsberg Air Base	June, 49		"short history USFFE"
70,000 troops	EUCOM exercise "Showers"	18 Apr, 49	24 Apr, 49	<u>The Military Occupation of Germany 1945-1949</u>
SAC - 509th Bomb Group (only said trained to deliver A bomb) arrives in UK.	rotated to UK	30 Apr, 49		<u>Times</u> 1 May 1949
SAC - 43d Bomb Group (first B-50s)		15 Aug, 49	mid Nov, 49	"short history USFFE"
most units used in airlift	redeployments determined		29 July, 49	<u>Times</u> 30 July, 1949
Air Force	joint maneuvers w/ Europeans	May, 49 June, 49 July 49		<u>Times</u> 31 May 26 June 27 June 2 July 3 July (see Union of West Eur)
USS Missouri	visited Europe	Summer 1948		See Log

Source: _____

Target country: Soviet UnionType of regime: communistNames and allegiances of prominent individuals: Gen Clay pushes for firmness, test armed convoy, but overruled

Major reaction to incident: limited combatant force commitment or strategic military involvement or support (1UCPS)
 (lift blockade 12 May, '49) Sov. Mil Commander - considers quadripartite functions of Kommandatura dissolved, USSR
 reps will attend no future sessions 1 July, '48; Sovs announce formation of a separate govt for E Berlin 30 Nov, '48
 harass airlift - radio interference, searchlights to obscure landing, gunnery practice in corridors

Soviet UnionOther Actors

Action

When

Others

Actor

Actions

When

UK Royal Air Force

UN Sec. Council

E Gers

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UK & Fr

Berlin City Assembly

France

participated in airlift - Operation Plainfare.

Soviet veto prevents settlement

put armed train on siding, then inspect it & let it go

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notes to USSR protesting blockade as "a clear violation of existing
agreements concerning the admin of Berlin by the 4 occupying powers";
ready to negotiate once blockade lifted

resolution called blockade a "crime against humanity"

forces provide ground support for airlift

25 Oct, '48; 29 Sept, '48
Apr '48

6 July, '48

29 July, '48

Sovs. institute new inspection of land traffic 1 April, 48; extended; by 24 June stopped all rail traffic anti-communist riots in Berlin (Secret sector) 9 Sept 13 June - banned traffic over Elbe bridge on E-W autobahn; 16 June Soviet Commandant withdrew from Greater Berlin Kommandatura; 19 June stopped all Diplomatic actions: passenger rail + highway traffic to + from Berlin; new restrictions on freight; 23 June - stop all surface traffic because of "technical difficulties"; inspire riots in City Assembly; cut off electricity from E. Berlin 24 June - total blockade 20 June - Allied currency reform - USSR does US - 3,000 in Berlin, UK + Fr 3,500

Official: Form Statements To whom cooperate with Date USSR - 1F, 02C

Sec St Marshall

note

US "we are in Berlin as a result of agreements between the govt's on the areas of occupation in Germany, & we intend to stay."

blockade is "a clear violation of existing agreements concerning the admin of Berlin by the 4 occupying powers"; ready to negotiate once blockade lifted

USSR

30 June, 48 + 300 over in E Gen

6 July, 48

Other actions:

Type of action

Date

W-German const. approved

12 May, 49

Incident: _____

U. S. Objectives

Stated:

B-29s to UK - show US people govt's serious view of crisis, give Air Force experience by whom:
opportunity to base them abroad when would be accepted Forrestal in Davison, W.
Phillips, The Berlin Blockade

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